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WITHIN THE WEEK

A yr ago, marking the 1st V-E Day, *Quote* said: "In Europe, the conflict has ceased. But it is for time to tell whether we have won a war. There can be no enduring victory unless and until we begin to take the 1st stumbling steps toward our goal of living for and with each other. . . If, from this bitter, barren aftermath there emerges a new vision of the brotherhood of man, a broader concept of internat'l unity and a truer definition of human liberty, then the ages will argue that the price we have paid was not too great. . .

"All over the continent, Starvation and Disease vie with each other in the grim game of hoarding hostages. . . In a few brief yrs (Europe's displaced persons) have reverted almost to the status of the primitive tribes from whence their ancestry traces. It is a stunning example of Evolution in reverse gear, and speeded up to the tempo of our time. Here is the prime problem that no one mentions—the human problem that confounds all economic formulae. Yet, somehow, in some way, it must be met and mastered."

Now, 12 mo's later, we repeat those words, adding merely the printer's symbol, "Stet"— "Let it stand."

PARIS CONFERENCE: Although known as a Peace Conference, we see no prospect that Paris meet

will result in a long-range program tending to stabilize post-war Europe.

Byrnes' 25-yr peace enforcement for Germany? Little chance of this going thru in really effective form. Russia, plainly, is making too much progress in Germany to be deeply concerned with a co-operative effort. Moscow will want to see fulfillment of that section of Potsdam agreement which calls for central German administration. This would mean, indirectly, a German Reich under a considerable degree of Moscow domination. Everything now points to that eventual course.

COAL STRIKE: As this is written, negotiations are again "on," but neither side appears confident that much will come of conferences. Nation's stocks of stored coal steadily diminish. Gov't has upwards of a million tons of bituminous coal under control, and some 200 independent mines are producing possibly 7 to 8% of the nation's normal output. Stocks are being doled to hospitals, public utilities, etc. But each day we come closer to paralyzing crisis. In Washington last wk there was revival of earlier talk that there may be individual surrender on Lewis' terms, rather than industry-wide agreement. In any decision, probability is that many small mines will be unable to continue profitable operations.



SHIFTING SANDS

Approval by Senate this wk of a Federal-state program of airport construction clears way for channeling half-billion dollars of Federal money, over 7 yr period, to states and municipalities who match dollars with gov't for local construction. Need is urgent, for airline capacity by Jan '48 will exceed total rail passenger traffic for '41, excluding suburban. About three-fourths of municipal airports are deemed inadequate for scheduled expansion. . . This is season when prime beefsteaks for fall and winter are "made" in mid-west. Normally, heavy buying of cattle for "finishing" would have begun month ago. Sales are negligible, due to grain shortage. Indicates premium beefsteaks will really be at premium. . . CPA is not banning industrial construction. Bldgs serving public need stand good chance of approval. Recent examples: lab'y to make streptomycin, needed drug; ex-pansion of a factory for sheet steel production.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"There is no such thing as 'Allied justice.' There is English justice and there is American justice; there may be French justice and even Russian justice. But put together they do not make Allied justice. No more than English, American, French and Russian languages, when chanted simultaneously, make an Allied language."—British commoners' reaction to special tribunal for war criminals' trial. (Quoted in *Knickerbocker Wkly.*) 1-Q

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"I decided I could broaden my sphere of influence if I went into movies."—BEN CLIFFORD, 27-yr-old Baptist evangelist of Philadelphia. CLIFFORD turned down Hollywood offer yr ago, reconsidered and recently signed a 7-yr contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. 2-Q

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"As public servants you will be req'd to assist and advise people and not to browbeat, bulldoze, or humiliate them."—LEWIS J VALENTINE, former N Y Police Commissioner, addressing graduating class of 61 Japanese policewomen, first women ever admitted to Japan's police force. 3-Q

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"Milo was a full-grown man, and I'm not."—ALLEN LA FEVER, 17-yr-old of Somerville, N J, who for more than 6 mo's has been lifting calf daily to duplicate feat of Milo, Greek strong man of 2000 yrs ago who lifted calf daily until it became a cow. LA FEVER's calf, Phoebe, weighed 72 lbs when he started, now weighs 365. 4-Q

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"Have you ever heard of love?"—Disgusted query of HANS KOHN, Smith college prof, upon listening to coeds' replies to his question: "What is the principal subject of folk literature?" (Some of the answers: Nationalism, patriotism, war, economics.) 5-Q

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"Movie actresses set the styles. Half the women who saw her picture are probably out now raising Cain because their favorite shops can't supply a dress like hers. It has frightening possibilities."—Disturbed CPA executive concerned over dress JOAN CRAWFORD wore in recent court appearance. Reason for concern: the skirt fell about 5 inches below her knees. CPA spent

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last wk trying to persuade American women to forget trend to longer skirts inspired by Paris fashions to conserve textiles. 6-Q

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"Japanese children are inherently able, bright and energetic. They seem to have what it takes to develop a good civilization."—Dr GEO D STODDARD, N Y state education commissioner, leader of delegation of American educators to Japan. "They are . . . somewhat lacking in humane traits, but that could be remedied." 7-Q

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"The direct cost of liquors to the American people now stands at more than 7 billion dollars annually. The indirect cost is vastly greater."—*Clipsheet*, recently revived wkly of Methodist board of temperance, asserting repeal has "solved no problem. The best available figures from gov't sources indicate drunkenness has more than doubled since prohibition ended." 8-Q

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"No matter what is at stake, they are unwilling to forget personal ambitions."—WARREN H AHERTON, former comdr American Legion, charging delay on question of universal military training proves some Congressmen place re-election "above and beyond the security of the U S." 9-Q

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"Never mind about that."—CHAS Ross, White House presidential sec'y, allaying fears of Federal official entrusted with a "secret" which appeared in papers next day. "Next to the district," he said, "the White House is the biggest sieve in town." 10-Q

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"If I had known what was in the case, I would have been scared to death."—Col H M BALDRIDGE,

Omaha, Neb, who casually consented to deliver "package" for Bulgarian Queen JOHANNA to her brother, Prince UMBERTO, in Italy. ("Package," which escaped attention of Soviet inspectors at airport, contained \$1 million in jewels.) 11-Q

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"Horses have some advantage over squad cars."—DAVID FLYNN, former chief of traffic bureau, Chicago. "For example, which would be easier to park—a horse or a car? And a horse doesn't need refueling during his hrs of duty." (Chicago still uses 44 horses to uphold law and order in traffic-congested Loop.) 12-Q

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"If this situation continues, I'm going West before I'm 65."—IDA MEYER, census official, reporting that there are 110,000 more women than men in N Y C. 13-Q

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"It hasn't taken them long to realize that with 4 or 5 children, they draw enough in allowances to live on without bestirring themselves to hunt or fish."—White man returning from Arctic, blaming Canada's family allowance (\$5 to \$8 per child, depending on age) for "stork derbies" among Eskimo tribes. 14-Q

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"If the cycle continues downward for the next half century as it has continued upward in the past, it may mean the ret'n of the cold winters that existed when grandpa was a boy."—U S Weather Bureau, predicting world may be started on half-century of progressively colder weather. 15-Q

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"Floor painted. Couldn't get out of the bedroom."—Classic among 4005 reasons for absence from Ac-comak, Va school. 16-Q

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"When nations, like men, sit down and reason things out, willing to hear the other fellow's side, only good can come of it."—FRANK SINATRA, who recently attended a U N Security Council session. 17-Q

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"While everyone, including the capt, will generally agree that, under certain conditions, this is an absorbing and pleasurable pastime, it is not generally considered an

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outdoor daytime sport."—Capt LESLIE E GEHRES, comdr of Naval Air Station, San Diego, banning outdoor love-making on the base. 18-Q

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"I'm not cowed by the statement."—ALEXIS SMITH, whom the Harvard *Lampoon* dubbed as the actress who has given the "most consistently bovine performances." (Quoted in *Pathfinder*.) 19-Q

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". . . What a lot of persons seem to overlook is this—we cannot have fine youngsters unless we have fine adults. The standards of the so-called older generation must be raised before we can expect youth's standards to reach the mark we all would like to see."—Mrs NORMA B CARSON, senior policewoman, Crime Prevention Division, Philadelphia Bureau of Police. 20-Q

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"More of our pupils will use automobiles than will ever use Latin or trigonometry. Why should we ignore that fact in our curriculum?"—School teacher, quoted by Maj-Gen'l PHILIP B FLEMING, Administrator, Federal Works Agency, recommending safe driving courses in all schools. 21-Q

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"Icelanders will never forget that Americans were first of all nations to recognize our indisputable rights to re-establish our republic. But when the U S requested from Iceland what they cannot grant to anyone, it was impossible to say yes."—OLAFUR THORS, prime minister of Iceland, rejecting U S request for military bases in Iceland. 22-Q

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"The loss has been rapidly accelerated since the 1st of this yr."—Pharmaceutical producers, Chicago, warning diversion of meat slaughtering thru noninspected channels is seriously curbing industry's supply of animal glands, source of lifesaving medicines epinephrin, insulin, pituitary extract. (Shortage has not reached wholesale, retail druggists. . . lab's are drawing on backlog which in some cases total a yr's supply.) 23-Q

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"The world is very ill. Two fearful wars in our lifetime have torn the heart out of its grace and culture."—WINSTON CHURCHILL, former British prime minister, "There never was a time when a breathing space was more needed, a blessing

ed convalescence, and after justice has taken its course, a truce of God and man." 24-Q

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"Say, I think you need more help here."—JAS RUFF, war vet, Tacoma, Wash., addressing unemployment compensation officials after waiting in line for 2 days for his turn. (Officials agreed. RUFF now works for USES!) 25-Q

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"Generally speaking, boys catch up in language development after adolescence."—Dr CHAS BIRD psychology prof, Univ of Minnesota, observing language development of young girls is "way ahead" of boys of same age group. "Maybe that's why girls are supposed to talk a lot more. . ." 26-Q

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"We have no plans to requisition wheat from anyone at this time."

—CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, assuring uneasy farmers that gov't will offer them "every incentive," but that requisitioning from farmers "is not in our minds." 27-Q

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"I never inflict my views on a customer. Unless he wants to talk I work in silence."—OSCAR A MINOT, 72, Quincy, Mass. barber, expressing view that conversation is not an essential part of his trade. 28-Q

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"Pop sure has got guts."—WILFORD JEFFERS, Savannah, Ga., mbr of feuding JEFFERS and BENNETT families, expressing admiration in jail for 55-yr-old 'Pop,' who stayed on his feet, his legs full of buckshot, pulled down heavy picture frame, bashed WOODROW BENNETT over the head. (Score after 20-min shooting spree: 5 wounded.) 29-Q

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"Prices are probably in the most unstable state ever encountered in purchasing experience, but the present uncertainty is over how high—not which way—they will go."—Business Survey Committee, Nat'l Ass'n of Purchasing Agents. 30-Q

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"The surly bird catches the germ."—A scientist, after discovering cheerful people resist disease better than glum ones. (Quoted in *New Haven Register*.) 31-Q

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"The blast exposed camera film hundred's of mi's away. What's to prevent harm from breathing the air a lot closer than that?"—New

Mexico's "rumor-mongers," contending that A-bomb test explosion last Aug left "atomic particles in air" causing upswing in tuberculosis, other respiratory diseases in area. New Mexico, Texas health dept's issued formal statement that no statistics could be found to support rumors. 32-Q

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"The trouble is everybody is beginning at the wrong end in trying to solve the tavern problem. Start with the guy who is starting the trouble—the customer who drinks too much and gets into trouble."—CARL SCHWENZER, candidate for Ind state senator, advocating "drinker's license" as answer to tavern problem. 33-Q

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"Nat'ally, I'm just overwhelmed."—JANE PRATT, Raeford, N C, former sec'y of the late Rep W O BURGIN, who has been nominated to fill his unexpired term. She will be 1st Congresswoman from N C. 34-Q

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"No matter what you might think was done in Europe, the fact remains that something was done. And it couldn't have been done if responsible commanders were constantly at one another's throats."—Gen'l DWIGHT EISENHOWER, asked if he had read RALPH INGERSOLL's book, *Top Secret*. (See page 7 for additional reference to book.) 35-Q

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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Army Rule for the German Church?—Editorial, *Christian Century*, 4-24-'46.

Another struggle between church and state is brewing in Germany. Only this time the state which is threatening to rule the church is the U S A, and the church which is preparing to defy what it holds to be state tyranny is the newly formed German Evangelical Church. The issue has arisen over the "denazification" of the German churches. The U S army insists that the process of expelling former Nazis from German pulpits has not been carried through fast enough or far enough. It warns that unless many more pastors whose names are on the list of the proscribed are thrown out of their pulpits at once, the American Military Gov't will intervene to throw them out...

Suppose the army does as it says it intends to do. What will be the result? The Evangelical Church in Germany will suffer immense harm. Hundreds of its churches will be deprived of their pastors in a critical hour. They will be internally rent by the effort to impose resented pastors on them... And the U S will bring down upon itself the bitter judgment of the very Germans who should be our strongest allies in the effort to build a new democratic Germany. Worst of all, it will involve the U S in a senseless struggle to enforce military rule on a branch of the Christian church...

It is time that the Christian people of America were told of this issue that is so swiftly coming to a head in Germany. . . There is not a moment to be lost in informing the Pres and mbrs of Congress that if the army of occupation in Germany undertakes this monstrous thing, the Christians of America will hold them sternly to acc't.

AGE—Youth—1

In Hugh Munro's *Reginald* we find this penetrating observation: "She took to telling the truth; she said she was 42 and 5 mo's. It may have been pleasing to the angels, but her elder sister was not gratified."—*Religious Telescope*.

ATOMIC AGE—2

Idealists maintain that all nations should share the atomic bomb. Pessimists maintain that they will.—*Punch*. (London)

BIBLE—3

A minister taught an old man in his parish to read, from the Bible. He proved a proficient scholar. After the teaching had come to an end, the minister was not able to call at the cottage for some time and when he did, he found only the wife at home. "How's John?" he said.

"Fine," said the wife.

"How does he get on with his reading?"

"Nicely, sir."

"I suppose he can read his Bible easily now?"

"Bible, sir, bless you. He is out of the Bible and into the newspaper, long ago."—Rev JAMES MILTON McKNIGHT, "You Can Read Thru Your Bible in 80 Hrs." *Religious Digest*, 5-'46.

CHILD CARE—4

I know a woman who lived on a busy street corner in the heart of a large city. One hot summer night she retired early. . . The telephone rang. . . She slept on thru it. Fire engines clanged around the corner and someone next door blasted the night with a radio dance program. She slept on thru it. . . Her sister arrived with a group of college friends who raided the icebox and played the Victrola full blast. She slept on. Then a remarkable thing occurred. From the rear room, at the opposite end of the house came the faintest kind of a voice. It said, "Mommy." Like a shot out of a gun she was out of her bed and at the side of her little 3-yr-old girl.—AUSTIN PARDUE, *Bold to Say*. (Scribner)

CONSERVATION—5

If the Japanese had discovered the atomic bomb and had dropped one on a large American industrial community, it is conceivable that they could have caused a half billion dollars' worth of damage. No atomic bombs have been dropped

on America, but property damage to the extent of \$442,877,000 was caused last yr by a single enemy, FIRE, which never ceases in war or peace to devastate America's property and to destroy American lives.—*North American Fieldman*.

COURTESY—Lack—6

A prof of English in an Eastern college used to regale his class with an acc't of a visit he paid to a clothing store one morning to exchange an overcoat that did not fit him. It was a Monday, and the clerks were clustered around a floor-walker who was giving an obviously graphic acc't of his weekend experiences. The prof's intrusion was not welcome. At length the floor-walker detached himself from the group, walked over to the prof with not too good a grace, and listened to his complaint. Then he turned and addressed the group. "Did one of you gentlemen," he asked, "wait on this man?"—JOHN T WINTERICH, "What Is a Gentleman?" editorial, *Sat Review of Literature*, 4-20-'46.

DRINK—Drinking—7

Friend of ours works for an outfit which recently mailed batch of postcard questionnaires on the subject of prohibition. Included in responses was one from a man who said he drank beer, wine and other liquors both at home and in bars, but that nonetheless he favors ret'n of prohibition. "P.S." he wrote in explanation of his views, "I used to be a bootlegger."—*American Legion Magazine*.

DRUDGERY—8

A farmer's wife had lost all semblance of sanity and it was necessary to remove her from her home by means of a strait-jacket and ambulance, and confine her to a nearby institution for the insane. Her husband, a day or so later, in trying to explain her sudden loss of sanity, said he just couldn't understand it. "Why, nobody ever bothered her. She hasn't been out of the kitchen in nearly 20 yrs!"—DAWSON PRICE, "Shoulder To Shoulder With Men," *Internat'l Altrusan*, 3-'46.

EDUCATION—9

If we could eliminate the words "higher education" we could make a start toward thinking more clearly about the relation of our colleges to the structure of American society, for the adjective "higher"

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implies at once that those who do not go to a 4-yr college are forever on a lower plane.—JAMES B. CONANT, (pres, Harvard Univ), "The Challenge to American Education." *N Y Times Magazine*, 4-14-'46.

They DO say... .

Something has happened to movie fan mags for which probably even the publishers themselves cannot fully acc't. Total circulation of all fan books for '45 was 10,310,636 monthly average. Increase of more than 100% in 5 yrs. . . HUGH BOYD has bought title, *Boston Transcript*; will issue monthly slick. But perhaps no periodical will ever again merit the instinctive tribute of a Boston butler who announced: "Some newspaper men to see you, sir—and a gentleman from the *Transcript*." In the Hub, this wk, 100 *Transcript* alumni meet to mark and mourn 5th anniversary of the paper's demise. . . Our White House spy report's some wag has lately posted a sign in an unfrequented alcove: "Don't shoot the pianoplayer; he's doing the best he can." . . . Incidental Information: HUSSEIN ALA, Iranian ambassador to U S, has entered a sub to *Superman*. . . Tripe in Type: Thirty-one actresses in screen version of *Forever Amber* wear gold-mesh hose, costing \$1200 a pair.

FAITH—10

Alexander the Conqueror was once told thru an anonymous note that his physician was plotting to poison him and that the lethal dose would be administered in his next draught of medicine. When the physician came and prepared the drug, Alexander took the glass, at the same time handing the physician the warning note. That expression of confidence naturally resulted in a firmer bond of friendship between the two, and it is said to have caused the physician to devote himself ardently and completely to the service of the king; for the medicine had not been poisoned.—SHELDON SHEPARD, *Mind Digest*.

GARDENING—11

The best way to get real enjoyment out of the garden is to put on a wide straw hat, dress in thin loose fitting clothes, hold a little

trowel in one hand and a cool drink in the other, and tell the man where to dig.—BARR. (Quoted in *Sales Maker*, hm, Hardwick & Magee Co, Philadelphia.)

HATE—12

Hated is a precious liquor, a poison dearer than that of the Borgias, because it is made of our blood, our health, our sleep and two-thirds of our love.—CHAS BAUDELAIRE, *Everybody's Wkly*.

LABOR RELATIONS—13

Voluntary arbitration has emerged from the war stronger than at any other time in history. For every strike that is called, there are thousands of collective bargaining agreements that are working effectively and harmoniously and that respect provisions for the voluntary arbitration of disputes and differences.—WM SHEPERDSON and GEO A LITTLE, "When Reason Takes Over—It's Arbitration," *Modern Management*, 4-'46.

PARENTS—Children—14

Fundamentally, the office of parent is . . . still a 24-hr-a-day post. Unclaimed by both the CIO and the AF of L, holders of this office are also without benefit of legislation establishing minimum wages, maximum hrs, or double pay for overtime. Manners, customs and morals change; but the duties and emoluments of parenthood are what they have been since time immemorial. . . (The parent) draws his check on the Bank of Faith and Hope payable in the currency of Life, in those sorrows and joys which no parent would exchange for other treasures.—S GEO SANTAYANA, "Teachers & Parents of Today," *Social Justice Review*, 4-'46.

PROFIT & LOSS—15

Bennett Cerf submits this frankest statement of the yr, from a British investment trust. It explains an unprecedented profit with a terse, "These gains were due entirely to factors beyond our control."

RADIO—Statistics—16

Thirteen and a half million more homes have radios than telephones, 7,500,000 more have radios than automobiles, 15,000,000 more have radios than magazines, and nearly 6,000,000 more have radios than bathtubs.—MORRIS L ERNST, *The First Freedom*. (Macmillan)



Two or three decades ago, an occasional intrepid mfr ventured to buck the trend toward population centers. These pioneers moved to smaller communities for the frankly defined purpose of employing cheaper labor, freeing themselves of the tentacles of troublesome unions, avoiding the penalties of increasing real estate valuations, etc.

The move was never notably successful. Two chief reasons for failure were inadequate transportation facilities, and the inability to wean skilled workers from the lure of urban centers.

Now, the picture is changing. It is changing with particular emphasis here in the Mid West. One large food mfr (to cite a single example) is locating 5 plants, each in a community of 15,000 or less. This project completed he will close a big plant in an Eastern city.

Significantly, this accelerating program of decentralization is motivated by reasons quite different from those that stirred the early pioneers. Large employers now know that cheap labor is pretty much of a myth. Wage rates are about the same everywhere. Nor can they hope to get away from unions—and many would not elect to do so if they could. Actually, many of these decentralization moves are now being inspired by labor. The individuals who are vital to industrial growth—foremen, superintendents, skilled workers—want to get away from the dirt, congestion and high prices of cities; out where they can anticipate better living conditions.

Thus the small cities of the Mid West are again looking up. The potential danger, of course, is that if the lure continues to work, these communities may in time become big cities and repeat the evils of congestion!



ADVERTISING: Street railway systems in several cities are considering advertising possibilities in a public-address system now under test in Kansas City Public Service Co. Service is used primarily to call streets, counsel patrons to "Move back in the car, please." (*Aireon Mfg Corp'n*)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Revolutionary method of damp-proofing basements has been perfected, after first being developed by French for use on Maginot line. It's a white powder, mixed with water, scrubbed onto concrete or brick. Individual particles penetrate surface, expand as they dry, harden still more with time. (*Home Life*)

FOOD: It has long been known that soy bean is richer in minerals and protein than wheat, but flour made from bean has had "beany" flavor, yellow color. Scientists have now found way to make good, white flour from soy bean. If crop failures intensify world wheat famine you are likely to hear much more of process. (*U S Dep't of Agriculture*)

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES: New ironing board covers will be made of Asbestos, fireproof fabric developed for aircraft carrier firemen. No stands required for irons, material immune even to blow torch flame. (*Home Magazine*)

INVENTION: Illuminated compact has small dry battery and bulb, lights up face of user when applying cosmetics. (*Science News Letter*)

MEDICINE: Mumps may be reduced to disease of no consequence if current research on vaccines produces hoped-for results. Virus causing mumps has been isolated, methods devised for detecting people susceptible to disease. Progress has been made developing protective vaccines and possible serums, tho not ready for gen'l use. (*Business Wk*)

RELIGION—Sects—17

In a visit to America a few yrs ago "Tay Pay" O'Connor was entertained at a luncheon given in his honor. The host asked, "How is Ireland?"

"Oh, Ireland's in a devil of a way."
"How is that?"

O'Connor mapped out with his finger an imaginary Ireland on the tablecloth, and said; "Well, you see, down here we have the Catholics, and up here we have the Protestants, and they're at each other's throats all the time . . . I often wish they were all haythen so they could live together like Christians." —G RAY JORDAN, *The Supreme Possession*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

SAFETY—Safe Driving—18

Automobiles continue to be driven at just 2 speeds—lawful and awful. —FREDERICK C RUSSELL, *Springfield Union & Republican*.

SERVICE—to Others—19

It is little wonder that Will Rogers was so universally loved, for he always sought ways of pleasing and surprising people. He was scheduled to give an address once at a dinner to be held in Eddie Cantor's honor. Long before the affair, the cowboy-humorist became very mysterious and very busy. No amt of prying would loosen his tongue.

The answer came the night of the dinner. Rogers gave a delightful talk—a half hr talk all in Yiddish. He had been attending Columbia Univ all those past wks preparing the speech. Just a little friendly gesture from Rogers to Cantor.—*Milwaukee Jnl.*

SPEECH—Speaking—20

A wise hearer said to a young pastor: "You start your message so suddenly that you snap the coupling instead of starting the train." —Prophecy.

THOUGHT—21

Very few humans, male or female, really think — in the sense that they go to the moral and factual roots of any problem, withholding judgment until they have ascertained all the facts and circumstances, and then rendering their judgments impersonally . . . For the most of us, "thought" is the process by which we decide—generally for reasons of self-interest—to give new opinions and prejudices based on slightly wider knowledge, priority over our pre-

viously held opinions and prejudices based on insufficient facts. —CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, "Thought Has No Sex," *Today's Woman*, 4-'46.

TRUTH—Untruth—22

Liar: man who has no partition between his imagination and his facts.—L C OBERLIES, *Nat'l Canvas Goods Mfr's Review*.

How Is She In a Meat Line

"The bride is a woman of wonderful fascination and remarkable attractiveness, for, with a manner as enchanting as the wand of a siren and a disposition as sweet as the odors of flowers, and a spirit as joyous as the caroling of birds, and a mind as brilliant as the glittering tresses that adorn the brow of winter, and with a heart as pure as the dewdrops trembling in a coronet of violets, she will make the home of her husband a paradise of enchantment, where the heaven-tuned harp of Hymen shall send forth those sweet strains of felicity that thrill the sense with the ecstatic pulsing of rhythmic rapture." —Excerpt from acc't of wedding in Wis wkly.

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VIEWPOINT—24

In the early 'twenties, some Boards of Education adopted resolutions that teachers should not bob their hair. There was outcry against short skirts, too.

Frank Cody, for many yrs Sup't of Schools of Detroit, Mich, was attending a meeting in N Y C when he rec'd a telegram from one of his board mbrs asking, "How long should a teacher's skirt be?" Cody, a genial soul, wired back, "I must first see the teacher." —CLYDE R MILLER, *The Process of Persuasion*. (Crown)

WORRY—25

Dr Maclaren tells of an old Scotch lady who wished to go to Edinburgh, but she feared the tunnel thru which she would have to pass on the way. At length circumstances compelled her to go. She was much agitated and worried. Worn out, she fell asleep. And when she awoke, it was to find that the dreaded tunnel had been passed. —Rev SAMUEL J PATTERSON, "Our Great Cheer Leader," *Christian Observer*, 4-24-'46.

A General Dreams of a Quiet Stream

In some significant respects, the personal diary of Capt HARRY C BUTCHER, My Three Years With Eisenhower (Simon & Schuster, \$5), gives a more comprehensive picture of America's participation in World War II than do various acc'ts written by those more closely concerned with the actual conflict. As Naval Aide to EISENHOWER from '42 until war's end, BUTCHER's concern is primarily with background, rather than bullets. Understandably, the Chief of Staff is his personal hero. (For a less favorable view, tending to present Gen'l EISENHOWER as the well-meaning dupe of British Imperialism, read Top Secret, by RALPH INGERSOLL, publisher of PM, who served as a Gen'l Staff Corps officer until his release last Aug with rank of lt-col.) Capt BUTCHER's diary is Book-of-The-Month Club selection for May. This excerpt gives a brief behind-the-scenes view of Allied headquarters, just a yr ago:

Paris, Thursday, May 3, 1945.

Ike and Jim had just ret'd from the office when I arrived and were talking about the surrender of the Germans in Italy. Berlin also had been taken by the Russians, but the news didn't seem surprising. I was pleased, tho, when I learned that the Italian campaign had ended so gloriously for Alexander and Clark and everyone who fought in that blind alley.

Gen'l Ike had been working on his broadcast and newsreel speech for V-E Day. He had drafted it and redrafted it 3 times, with Telek and the pups vying for attention and, as usual, having no respect for the dignity of the Supreme Commander. He read his script. Jim Gault made a suggestion here and there, and I made one or 2, but it needed little change . . .

The speech having been read, we relaxed and talked. Ike still has his No 1 plan—his often-expressed desire to sit on the bank of a quiet stream and fish. (*Such a stream might well be the Smoky Hill river which meanders thru the Gen'l's home town, Abilene, Kans.*—Ed, QUOTE) I told him he seemed slated to be Chief of Staff and reminded him that Gen'l Marshall had pointedly hinted to this assignment as a probability. Ike thought he might be of greater use to his country if he could resign, not merely retire, from the Army and write and speak in support of proper military preparedness of the U S. He wants to be in a position to speak freely without even the trace of restriction that might be present if he were simply a retired rather than a resigned officer. He insists that America and Britain should con-

tinue to work together in peace as they have in war. America, he thinks, has much to gain by remaining friendly to Britain because, among other reasons, the British statesmen have the foresight to maintain air and sea bases. In America, there will be a revolt against spending, curtailment of appropriations will become popular with Congress, and the armed services are likely to go thru the same withering process as after the last war. There is much streamlining that can be done to the land, sea, and air establishments of the U S and he is convinced that the country would be best served if we had the same type of unity of command of these services in peacetime as has been demonstrated to be so effective in war. Even West Point and Annapolis might well be merged into one nat'l institution and thus avoid the rivalries inherent in the system of competition between the two. . . A yr of military service for young men would contribute to their education and the discipline would be good for them. . .

So the talk ran until late in the evening, Ike being interrupted a couple of times by phone calls from Monty and Bradley, who had good news . . . The evening ended with my reminder to Ike that he had frequently talked about getting out of the Army, but when and if the Pres says to him, "You are to be the Chief of Staff of the U S Army," there is no doubt in my mind that he will respond to the call of duty. Ike growled, called for Mickey to take Telek out, and ambled up the stairs to bed, with the mss which would be his Western tonight.

The Judge and
the Law

HARLAN F STONE

Of all the U S Supreme Court Judges in recent times, Chief Justice STONE, who died last wk in his 73rd yr, was perhaps the most difficult to catalog. No group or faction could have any real assurance of his position in a given case. A clue to this condition may be found in Justice STONE's interpretation of the judicial function. The following excerpt is from his text book, Law And Its Administration (Columbia Univ Pres), published in 1915, when STONE was dean of the School of Law at Columbia.

The prevailing social unrest, the impatient desire for speedy, not to say hasty, recognition of scarcely yet formulated theories of social welfare, have found expression in criticism of our whole system of law administration. This public discussion . . . has resulted in the coining of a new phrase. . . The phrase is "social justice". . .

The legislator is concerned primarily with what is good public policy. He is not bound by existing rules of law. . . When, however, a judge declares a rule of the common law, he does not legislate. The judge's duty is primarily to ascertain whether the facts proved in the case are controlled by rules of law which may be found in the precedents. . . He is not an interpreter of public sentiment. He need, and indeed ought not to listen with his ear to the ground to ascertain from popular clamour the latest expression of the "newest thing" in social welfare. His position is not political or legislative to enact the popular will. His function is judicial, to act as the judge in ascertaining and applying established principles of law when they offer a guide and in accordance with his own conception of right and wrong when there is no other guide.

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The county att'y demanded at a coroner's inquest that a witness be explicit in describing a bar room shooting. "Did you actually see this man shoot the victim?" the prosecutor asked.

"I saw the gun flash, heard the report and saw the man fall," repl'd the witness, and added somewhat apologetically, "but I can't say I saw the bullet travel." —*A P Dispatch*.

" " A hopeful applicant was applying for a job. Asked his prospective employer, "Are you trustworthy and responsible?"

"Well," said the applicant, scratching his head, "in the last place where I worked, whenever anything happened, I was responsible." —*Forum*.

" " A gentleman of very high emotions had the misfortune of losing his 3rd wife. He took the affliction very much to heart, and at the graveside of his beloved was so overcome he fainted. His friends gathered around him and were fearful for his life. Among them was a German who spoke English brokenly. He stooped down and felt the gentleman's pulse, and looking up, said: "He's all right; he'll revive." —*Capper's Wkly.*



OF THE WEEK

The good old days were those when there were 2 cars in every garage. Now, it's 2 families. — *Grit.*

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The salesman who used to sell refrigerators to Eskimos is now offering butter knives to American housewives.—*Progressive Grocer.*

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A man's greatest mistake is to suppose that grass widows are green.—*Mason & Dixon News.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JOHN A FERRALL

Wishing to encourage a young actress who was having a radio debut in Los Angeles, a New York admirer telephoned her long distance and assured her that her broadcast had been wonderful. "You were fine!" he declared. "There's no doubt about it; you have a great future in radio, just as I've told you."

"But," protested the actress weakly, "there must be some mistake. I haven't gone on the air yet." The admirer was stunned, but only for a moment. "Ah," he said, "you forgot the 3 hrs' difference in time. You are all thru here." —*Volta Review.*

The train was puffing and grinding on the tracks raring to go, so the frantic passenger hustled up to the ticket window. "Gimme a round trip ticket," he gasped. "Where to?" asked the agent. The passenger drew himself up. "Why, right back here, of course," he said indignantly.—*FLORENCE THOMAS, Tracks, hm, C & O Ry.*

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P T Barnum, the great showman was once fooled at his own game. A stranger from Vt wrote him that he had an outstanding attraction for the famous Barnum Museum—a cherry-colored cat. The Vermonter informed him that the price of this odd cat was \$200, payable in advance. But he guaranteed that the feline was cherry-colored, as described in the letter.

The idea sounded good to Barnum and he immediately sent \$200 to the Vt owner. In quick fashion, he rec'd a large black cat. Examining Tabby, he found a note attached to its neck: "I forgot to tell you that all cherries up here in Vt are black!"—*PATRICK D KEATING, Mayflower's Log.*

On the train, noticing a man with a dreadful cold, Mr Smith leaned across the aisle and spoke to him. "You have a cold, haven't you?" The man nodded. "Are you doing anything about it?" The man blew his nose resoundingly and shook his head. Mr Smith then proceeded to give him some good advice. "Best thing in the world for a cold is water. Drink just as much of it as you can stand. Gargle with salt in the morning, get a good hot rum toddy at night, and you'll be well in no time. . . ."

Near the end of the trip, Mr Smith approached his patient. "By the way, I think it's time we introduced ourselves. I'm Mr Smith."

The man shook hands. "I'm Dr William Mayo."—*Holiday.*

